

SHOPLIFTER

Caught "Red-Handed" At Dry Goods Store

Where She Had Stolen A \$2.50 Hat Pin

Taken Into Custody By The Deputy Sheriff

Store Man Agrees Not To Prosecute Her

If She Does Not Enter His Store Again

A shoplifter was caught "red-handed" at one of the local dry goods stores Thursday evening. At this season of the year when the stores are filled with Christmas shoppers, there is always considerable pilfering going on, the articles, in most cases, being small, but sometimes valuable. For a year or more a certain woman has been under suspicion as a shoplifter, but until now nothing definite could be fastened on her. Her reputation, however, as a pilferer went out among business houses of Mt. Vernon and during her visits to stores during the rush of the past few weeks she has been kept under surveillance.

One of the dry goods stores had informed Sheriff Parker of the suspicion, and it was arranged with the sheriff that he would quickly respond to a call.

Thursday evening the woman visited one of the dry goods store and the watchful eye of a salesman caught her stealing a hat pin valued at \$2.50. The sheriff's office was telephoned to and Deputy Woolson at once went to the store. The woman was taken to the sheriff's residence and detained for half an hour. She was allowed to go upon her agreement to be at the sheriff's office at nine o'clock the following morning. At the appointed hour she appeared at the sheriff's office and there also came a representative of the dry goods man, in which she finally acknowledged the theft and, when pinned down, also confessed to other thefts, the dry goods man agreed not to prosecute her on condition that she never enter his store again. This she agreed to do, and the matter was dropped.

PIPESVILLE

Quite a number from this place attended the funeral of Mr. Wilson Wright at Howard Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Robert Lepley is helping Mr. E. G. Smith in the timber this week. Mr. Smith expects to have a wood sawing soon.

The Ferenbaugh school has closed for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. George Burch made a business trip to Mt. Vernon Tuesday. He expects to have his sawmill in operation soon.

Mr. George Horn loaded a car of hay at Howard Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Banks of Paulding county were visiting relatives of this place the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Snyder of this place attended the funeral of the latter's uncle, Mr. Aaron Lepley, Wednesday of this week.

WATHA

The Newark Lyncher Formerly Lived In Mt. Vernon

Montella Watha, the Newark lyncher, who was sentenced to 20 years in the Ohio penitentiary Thursday by Judge Mansfield for a part he took in the lynching at Newark, formerly resided in Mt. Vernon. For many months he was employed in the molding room at the C. & G. Cooper works and is quite well known by a number of persons other than the employees of the foundry.

Mr. Thomas Clark and Mr. R. Morrison, both of this city left Friday morning for Pittsburgh, where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Vance of West High street went to Cleveland Friday to spend Christmas with relatives.

LOSS

Of Millions From Preventable Diseases Of Stock

Annual Report Of State Commission Is Filed

The livestock industry of Ohio suffers a loss of \$5,000,000 annually on account of preventable animal diseases, so it is declared in the annual report of the state board of livestock commissioners, made to Governor Harmon, Thursday.

The commission operates under direction of the state board of agriculture, being composed of members of the latter body. The loss on account of disease is estimated to be 2 1/2 per cent of the entire livestock valuation of the state.

The commission calls upon the general assembly to revise the laws under which the department operates and to give it the appropriations necessary with which to fight the different maladies which play havoc with the domestic animals of the state.

Seven hundred localities were visited by the department for investigation of animal diseases. Over one quarter million cubic centimeters of hog cholera protective serum was produced at the pathological laboratories of the commission. Twenty-five thousand swine were vaccinated with this. It is an almost unfailing remedy for hog cholera when administered in time.

The livestock industry of Ohio represents an investment of \$200,000,000. Two hundred thousand families are engaged in this business. Individual efforts in combatting or controlling them are ineffective and the state should furnish the necessary relief, so the report says.

The present laws under which the commission operates were enacted in 1884, years before the tubercular germ in either man or animal was but imperfectly understood. These laws are declared to be antiquated. It is said that most of the newer states have far better laws for the protection of livestock than Ohio has.

The report says that rabies is one of the most terrible diseases known and that it is becoming more prevalent. Control of this disease is said to be merely a matter of enforcing muzzling regulations.

The only way to stamp out glanders is to kill the effected animals. Owners object to this because of the failure of the state to adequately compensate them for their losses.

During the past two years 27 glandered horses were destroyed. They were appraised at about \$3000. Dairy cattle to the number of 287 were killed on account of disease. They were worth \$13,000—Columbus Dispatch.

SILK

Flags Presented Col. I. D. Hunt In Columbus

(Columbus Journal)
Silk flags were presented last night to Colonel I. D. Hunt, appointed national commander of the Union Veteran Legion to succeed the late Captain Nathan Y. Munshower, and Dr. J. C. Bishop, his adjutant general, at a reception given in honor of Colonel Hunt by the U. V. L. and soldier organizations in McCoy Post rooms at Memorial hall.

General H. A. Axline presented the flag to Colonel Hunt and Colonel E. S. Wilson of The State Journal performed a similar office for Dr. Bishop. Colonel Hunt promised to carry the flag with him when he visited veteran organizations.

In a speech thanking members for the reception, Colonel Hunt declared that in taking the office of national commander he was doing what the color guard did in battle. In the battlefield, he said, another member of the color guard picked up the flag when its bearer had been shot down. Colonel W. H. Knauss presided and Captain William Bottimer spoke briefly. The Old Guard band and two other veteran bands were out. The postroom was filled.

THREE ARE BURNED

New Orleans, La., Dec. 23—Fire, discovered this morning in the Shuberts' theatre building here, threatens to destroy the handsome new playhouse. Three persons are reported killed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berry of Howard spent Thursday in this city, the guests of relatives.

DRANK

Wood Alcohol By Mistake And Death Resulted

W. F. Powell Dies In Hotel At Buckeye City

Never Regained Consciousness After Taking Liquor

Deceased Employed As Night Watchmen On Bridge

And Was Found Unconscious At His Post

Danville, O., Dec. 23—W. F. Powell, whose home was in Galena, and who has been employed by the C. & A. C. railroad company as night watchman at the new bridge being constructed between Danville and Howard, died at 5:20 o'clock last evening at the Workman Hotel, Buckeye City, the result of drinking a large quantity of wood alcohol by mistake.

According to the story told by workmen employed on the bridge, Powell was intoxicated the early part of the week and when he went to work Wednesday night he was still under the influence of liquor. Just how the man came to drink the wood alcohol will never be known, but it is the supposition that he drank the liquid by mistake. There was a large amount of wood alcohol which was used by the workman about the bridge and quite an amount of the liquid was missing Thursday morning.

Laborers employed on the bridge, upon going to work Thursday morning, found Powell unconscious and nearly frozen to death lying near the bridge.

He was placed on a handcar and taken to Danville and was put to bed in his room in the Workman hotel in Buckeye City. Dr. Porter was called in attendance and worked with the man during the day, but nothing could be done to save his life and he died at 5:20 last evening, never having regained consciousness.

Powell resided in Galena, but had been employed as night-watchman on the bridge for some weeks past. His wife was called from Galena, but arrived here on the evening train after the death of her husband.

The remains were sent to Galena this morning where the funeral and interment will be made. The deceased was about 40 years of age.

As a result of Powell taking the wood alcohol and losing consciousness, considerable damage resulted to the bridge. The pipes were frozen up and about a \$1,000 resulted to the railroad company.

"DUTCH" POWELL

Formerly Of Mt. Vernon Was The Man Who Drank Wood Alcohol

W. F. Powell, referred to in the above special from Danville, was a former resident of Mt. Vernon. He was familiarly known as "Dutch" Powell and in his earlier day was a baseball player of much ability and was a member of the Mt. Vernon team at the time Sterl Wolverton was playing in this city.

Powell was a blacksmith when he lived in Mt. Vernon and after moving from this city to Galena he engaged in the blacksmith business in that village.

More recently he was employed on the bridge gang of the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus railroad.

LOSES TWO FINGERS

C. A. Hasler, C. A. & C engineer, who lives at Orrville, met with an accident Wednesday afternoon in which he lost the index and middle fingers of his left hand. He was throwing wood from a wagon through a cellar window and caught his hand between the wood and the window sill. The fingers were so badly mangled that amputation was necessary.

Dr. V. L. Fisher returned to his home in this city on Thursday evening after spending several weeks at Chicago, where he was attending the Surgical and Gynecology Post Graduate school.

BIRDS

From Mt. Vernon Take Prizes At Newark Show

The entries made by Mt. Vernon men at the Newark poultry show this week were even more successful than at the Mansfield show several days ago. A number of Mt. Vernon men were represented at the show and their birds were all found to be excellent. Mr. George Hardesty was very successful in the Black Orpington class, winning first on cock, first on cockerel, first on hen, first on pullet and first on the pen. He was also won second on the hen and pullet in the Black Orpington class. Mr. Hardesty was awarded the silver trophy cup for the best pen at the show in the English class and the Meyer & Landorf special premium of a \$5 umbrella as well as the \$2 special offered by the Osburn & Kerr Co. for the best Black Orpington male in the show. Dr. W. S. Deely of this city was also a winner at the Newark show, taking first and second on the hen in the Partridge Wyandotte class.

AL G. FIELD

Leases The Monsarrat Home In Delaware County

While constructing a new residence on his farm, "Maple Villa," in Liberty township, for which plans are being drawn, Al G. Field, the minstrel man, will occupy "Mount Air," the summer home of the late Nicholas Monsarrat, which adjoins his farm. Field has leased the home for one year from Mrs. Monsarrat, who expects to live in the East.

At first intending to construct a bungalow, Field decided to build a larger home. When it is completed Field will occupy it and the present one, built three years ago, will be turned over to the manager of the farm.—Delaware Gazette.

ARM

Came Very Near Being Torn Off In Cog Wheels

Mr. Newton Jones, manager of the sand quarry near Millwood, met with an unfortunate injury while at work at about nine o'clock Friday morning. Mr. Jones was operating a small derrick when he accidentally caught his left hand in a chain cog. His quick presence of mind at this point probably saved his life as he allowed his body to follow the motion of the wheel and by doing so, saved his entire arm and probably his head and shoulder. As it was, the hand was terribly crushed and lacerated. Dr. E. L. Porter of Danville was summoned as soon as possible to render the necessary surgical attention.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Ursula Cochran has commenced a suit in the court of common pleas of Knox county against S. A. Renner, Mary Renner and E. C. Brokaw, asking for a judgment in the sum of \$250, based on a promissory note. The plaintiff also asks for interest from October 28, 1909. William M. Koons and Harry W. Koons are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

Guardian Appointed—
F. M. Sheffer of Mt. Vernon has been appointed guardian of James M. Cowden, giving bond in the sum of \$10,000, with Belle Sheffer, Letitia S. Anderson and George Keys as sureties.

Marriage License—
Cecil Kearns, laborer, Clay City, Ind., and Jessie Viola Sharp, Clinton township, The Rev. William E. Hull.

Deeds Filed—
Samuel H. Davidson et al. to Charles H. Davidson, 92 acres in Jackson, \$3,800.

W. F. McKee to S. B. Church, parcel in Mt. Vernon, \$160.

S. B. Church to W. F. McKee, lot 1, Factory add., Mt. Vernon, \$200.

A Christmas tree was given at the union school house in Danville on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke of Cleveland are expected in the city Saturday to visit Mr. Clarke's parents.

Mr. Leonard H. Kelley of Newark is in the city to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents.

MILLIONS

To Be Spent By The Standard Oil Company

In Developing Oil Territory In This State

Some Of The Land Located In Knox County

Ohio Fuel Acting As Agent For The Standard

Leases Much Of The Territory In This Section

The following item from the Pittsburgh Gazette Times of Thursday shows that the Standard Oil Company has leased about all the available land in Ohio for gas and oil purposes and that some of the territory is in Knox county:

Millions of dollars are to be spent by the Standard Oil Company for the development of an entirely new oil and gas field in Ohio. It is said that it promises to exceed in richness any field that has been discovered in many years in the eastern section of the country.

With this announcement has come an interesting story of a development of oil lands which for two years has been kept as quiet as possible, and only because of the independent producers getting into the field and taking up leases of their own and forcing quick action on the part of the bigger interest has the matter been brought to a head. It took but a few months then to get agents into all of about 11 counties extending from Lorain county on the north to Hocking county on the south and gather up leases, ranging somewhere between 200,000 and 300,000 acres, and these agents are still at work.

Independent operators have been at work also. Roswell D. Crick of Pittsburgh is among the independents who have secured large holdings and his include more than 7,000 acres in Richland and Crawford counties.

The sudden activity in this section of Central Ohio is the result of remarkable discoveries as to the location of oil and gas rock and sand. For years it had been supposed that the new field was barren of either oil and gas. In fact, the oil men have all along held that there was an arch dividing the Trenton rock and Clinton sand formations in Ohio, which extended from Sandusky on Lake Erie to Cincinnati, and inasmuch as the producing formation dips down about 20 feet to the mile from the northern portion of the state, it was considered impractical to search for oil in the lower counties mentioned.

About two weeks ago some inexperienced farmers in Fairfield county, near Bremen, started drilling for oil in that territory and secured a good producing well. At first this was thought to be a freak well and knowledge of it was kept secret by the few men interested. But some other wells followed and each showed similar results. Then the Standard Oil interests quietly stepped in and bought the production of these wells and covered the entire district with leases. In the meantime Mr. Crick started to investigate and he began to ignore the old-time belief that there was no producing sand, practical of development, east of the geological arch in the center of the state.

In the old Lima field, in the northwestern part of the state, it was found the drillers had been forced to go through what is called the Clinton rock, which was barren of gas and oil, to reach the Trenton rock, where much oil and gas was secured. In the Lima field the Clinton rock lies nearest the surface and the Trenton sand below it. Beyond this dividing arch, however, it was found that the Clinton rock at greater depth produced a heavy grade of oil and considerable gas. The logic of the situation then forced itself on Mr. Crick's mind, that if the deeper the Clinton sand went the richer it grew, the same rule must work with the Trenton rock under it. Hence, by drilling down deep enough in the eastern part of the state and beyond the dividing line of the arch, the Trenton rock was, he felt sure, promising of a richer production of oil and gas than the best of the Clinton rock.

At first this reasoning was scorned by the Standard interests, but now they have drilled a good well west of Columbus in the Trenton rock and considerably east of the dividing line. When this was done the Standard

interests began to wake up and gather leases following the line of counties from Lake Erie south to Hocking county. Not operating direct, but through the agency of the Union Natural Gas Corporation and Logan Natural Gas Company, and finally through the Ohio Fuel Supply Company, the gathering of leases has been pursued with vigor. The terms of these leases indicate the intention of the big companies to operate at once. They cover three months for commencement to drill wells with \$200 for each gas well secured on a leased farm for each year, one-eighth of all oil secured and a land rental of 50 cents per acre per year.

WOMAN

Loses End Of A Finger In A Sausage Grinder

Mrs. William Bryant, residing about four miles west of Fredericktown, met with a very painful injury while grinding sausage about 5:30 o'clock Thursday evening. Mrs. Bryant was feeding the grinder with small strips of meat when the middle finger of her left hand was caught in the knives of the machine. About one-half inch was cut from the end of the finger making a very painful wound. Dr. J. H. Norrick of Fredericktown was called to render surgical attention.

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Mr. John Coup of Saginaw, Mich., is expected in the city Saturday evening to visit his brother, Mr. Wm. M. Coup.

Mr. C. S. Hall of Utica spent Thursday in this city transacting some matters of business.

Miss Ruth Fry of North Sandusky street left Friday morning to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Belleville and Mansfield.

Professional Cards

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified Executor of the estate of HAROLD BIGGS late of Knox County, Ohio, deceased by the Probate Court of said county December 9, 1910.

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SHORT LOCALS

Mr. Clifton Kring of South Vernon left Friday for Munsey, Ind., where he will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Miss Myrtle Johnson left Friday morning for her home in Angola, Indiana, after an extended visit with her cousin, Miss Bertha Belt, of West Gambier street.

Mr. J. J. Starnes of North West street went to Glenmont Friday morning where he was called by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. A. Starnes.

Mr. Ray Culbertson, who is attending Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Culbertson, East Vine street.

Mrs. Ethel Hercher, who recently underwent an operation at Mt. Carmel hospital in Columbus, will return to her home in this city on Saturday morning.

Rev. Isaac Leedy of Ankenytown, on Friday celebrated his 33rd birthday anniversary. The venerable gentleman is very active for one of his advanced years.

Mr. Carl Sellers of Hiram college will arrive in this city on Friday evening to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sellers of East Gambier street.

WANTED—All kinds of furs; highest market prices paid at all times; will take in on Thursdays and Saturdays at Waddell's livery barn. Before selling call on me. W. P. Sawvel.